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EDITORIAL OPINION

A FINE PERFORMANCE

A year ago, Appomattox sent its first entry as a Princess in the Annual Tobacco Festival in Richmond. Peggy Ellen Cole went and won. Appomattox County was proud of its "Red Head"—not only for winning the title, "Queen of Tobaccoland," but also because Richmond City selected her as its "Red Feather Girl" for the annual Community Chest.

For twelve months, Peggy Cole reigned, and now that she has stepped down for Miss Martinsville as the 1954 Tobacco Festival Queen, it should be put into the record that she has brought honor and credit to her home county. The poise and grace she has shown on every occasion has brought lavish comment from officials of the Festival and from the many other public occasions all over the state in which she has participated. The President of the Festival in Richmond last Saturday, on the occasion of the crowning of the 1954 Queen, referred to the retiring queen as "The lovely and talented Peggy Cole of Appomattox." That description brought forth a big hand from the approximately 20,000 persons gathered at City Stadium.

Unfortunately, Appomattox did not have a Princess at this year's Festival. Surely, efforts will be made to see that there is a Miss Appomattox at the Festival next October.

AND SO COMES AUTUMN TO THE BLUE RIDGE

(Roanoke World News)

The sun stood over the equator at 8:56 this morning and then imperceptibly started his long journey southward, bringing spring and eventually summer to the "downunder" hemisphere. At the same moment autumn began for the northern half.

But even before fall's official arrival summer took wing with cool Canadian-born blasts Monday evening. Blanket weather had arrived and last night as the mercury plunged to 45 many a householder took his first look at the old furnace.

Football had already been rushing the season. Schools were back in session. Business began looking ahead to brisk trade, replacing the summer lethargy. Politics started picking up for the November election. All these were signs of autumn.

But best of all as far as we are concerned, the first faint tinges of color began to show on the high mountainsides. True, some of the fast growers like the ugly sycamore and Chinese elm had been shedding leaves for weeks but they have no real part in nature's annual fall show.

We come now to the most glorious display of sheer rapture as green changes almost by magic to bright yellow, red, russet and dozens of in-between shades. For three or four weeks there will be a riot of color that has ever challenged and defied the best of artists.

We fail to agree with those who see only sadness of death in autumn. God spreads beauty abroad with lavish hand as a sure promise.

Ahead lie the weeks and months of vigorous weather especially divinely planned for concentration on work in preparation for another spring and summer.

Unless one has lived in the tropics where the appalling sameness of weather weighs upon the mind and spirit he can never fully appreciate the wonderful variety of the seasons.

For our part, we'll take Virginia's mountain country. It is always changing and now as the Master Painter begins his work it offers matchless vistas on every hand. We look forward to those drives along the Blue Ridge Parkway in October.

AS MONTANA GOES, SO GOES..

(The Charlotte, N. C., News)

Our State Editor Waldo Proffitt has ably sized up the political situation in Maine, but one more thing needs to be said about politics in the potato and pine tree state. The myth that "As Maine goes so goes the nation" deserves the fate that befell that other Maine in the harbor of Havana, and for much better reasons.

The phrase originated the Harrison - Cleveland race of 1888. For 40 years it had considerable validity. But Roosevelt II, as with a lot of other things, changed all that.

Five presidential elections in a row, from 1932 to 1948, Maine rode the losing Republican horse. Maine was also in the minority in 1916 when she preferred Charles Evans Hughes to Woodrow Wilson, who had won Maine in 1912. So six times out of 13, during the past 50 years, Maine didn't forecast the national results.

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The only states with worse barametric records are Vermont, South Carolina, Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama, all of which were on the losing side seven times. Vermont is the only state which has voted Republican in every presidential election this century. The four Southern States voted Democratic every year except 1948, when they supported the States Righters.

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If anyone wants to argue that one state ends up on the winner's side in presidential elections he should say "As Montana goes, so goes the nation." Or Missouri or Idaho. Those three states have voted for the successful candidate for half a century. Arizona and New Mexico haven't ever missed a winner, although they weren't admitted to the union until 1912. California and Washington would have had perfect records had they not joined the Bull Mooser Teddy Roosevelt in 1912. And Illinois, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Utah and Wyoming have likewise ridden the winner all but one time since 1904.

About the only thing that can be said with certainty regarding general elections in Maine is that they are held before elections in other states. But if you want to sniff political winds, pay no heed to those nor-easters. Go west, young man, go west.

IT WORKS!

(Christian Science Monitor)

The publisher who told a Senate committee last April that his firm published the first "horror" comics and that he was "proud of the comics I publish" has announced withdrawal of six of such series from the market. Their suggestive titles are as follows: "The Haunt of Fear," "Tales from the Crypt," "The Vault of Horror," "Crime Suspenstories," "Shock Suspenstories," and "Two Fisted Tales."

And to why he now drops these "periodicals," let the publisher explain in his quoted words:

> Church and parent - teacher groups have organized themselves so powerfully against such comic books in the last six months that further publication of them, even if still profitable as it is with many of ours in this line, would be foolish and harmful to the industry as a whole.

All of which carries a lesson for those impatient people who would fly to the quick but potentially dangerous remedy of censorship instead of working toward the slower but sounder corrective implicit in aroused public opinion. And we suspect that this aroused public opinion was beginning to register on the horror comics sales dials.

But are crime and horror comics the only kind that can keep a publisher competitively in business? A letter to this newspaper printed September 2 from an official of a firm which does not publish that kind says no, decidedly no.

The six discontinued "shockers" sold at a little over 300,000 per issue, according to their publisher. The 11 "nonshockers" put out by this other firm average 800,000 per issue.

This latter firm evidently believes that some other things pay better, not only than crime, but also than crime comics. The closing words of its official's letter are worth reprinting: "If everyone gets behind the good, the bad will drop out of existence surprisingly fast."

THE CONSUMER WINS

(From the New York Herald-Tribune)

The price of coffee at the grocery store is under $1 a pound again. The reason is plain as can be. Consumers balked at sky-high prices; they cut down on buying. With American consumption falling off at least 15 per cent, coffee piled up in Brazilian warehouses. Finally the government of Brazil had to face up to unpleasant economic facts and ease its exchange regulations. The result is that prices tumbled promptly.

There is still a lot of disagreement as to the reasons for runaway prices. Much was made of the disastrous frost on the Sao Paulo plantations, but the Federal Trade Commission also had some sharp things to say about speculation. To the housewife, however, it made no difference. Coffee, in her opinion, was too high.

It is not often that the consumer wins a victory so swiftly and directly. Congratulations are definitely in order, and we hope there will be no hard feelings here or in Brazil. But all the planners and price controllers, in this country and elsewhere, ought to take a tip. It is still and always the consumer who has the last say. And there is no use arguing. When the consumer decides that prices are too high, the only way out is to accept the verdict with a smile.

FINISHED CATTLE SALES SET

Good purebred cattle will be plentiful this fall—and they'll be selling at prices a man can ive with, say animal husbandmen at VPI.

If you're interested in the purebred business, you'll also be interested in this schedule of purebred cattle sales.

For Angus—October 5, Culpeper October 15, Winchester; October 22, Amherst; October 30, Leesburg; November 3, Staunton; November 8, Orange; November 12, Roanoke; November 19, Holland and November 20, Richmond.

For Herefords— October 6, Bristol; October 9, Carroll - Grayson; October 16, Roanoke; October 23, Winchester; October 27, Staunton November 3, Bland-Giles; November 4, Wythe; November 5, Tazewell; November 8, Warrenton; November 15, Dublin; and November 22, Danville.

County agents can give details as to time and places.

22,409 SCHOOL CHILDREN VISITED WILLIAMSBURG

Williamsburg, Sppt. 29—A total of 22,409 Virginia school children from 460 schools in the state studied their history lessons in this historic city during the past year, Colonial Williamsburg reported today.

The heavy Virginia representation here was part of a record total of school-age youngsters in classroom groups topping the previous year by 14 percent. Some 43,000 students from more than 900 schools were here to study early American history on the scene. They represented a total of 27 different states.

The school season for student tours opens in September and continues through March 15th with reduced rates for students, specially-trained guides, and the provision of advance intergrating the visit with the text study materials for classroom use in book study of the early days of our nation. The regular school tour here includes visits to the colonial Capitol, Governor's Palace, 18th century magazine or arsenal, "Publick Gaol," Bruton Parish Church, and several of the colonial craft shops.

J. Neville McArthur, Director of School Services for Colonial Williamsburg, reports that advance arrangements already received for tours indicate prospects for an even greater school visitation during the coming school year. The majority of the groups come during the winter months from October through March 15, he says.

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Safety Awards Presented to Highway Employees

The following State Highway Employees in the Appomattox Residency were presented Safety Awards at their safety meeting held at Appomattox Residency Shop on Monday, September 13. Presentations were made by H. W. Runkle, Resident Engineer, and W. M. Brown, Asistant Resident Engineer.

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years: G. H. Coleman.
years: H. Jamerson.
years: H. T. Johnson.
years: R. A. Lucado, L. M. Lewis.
years: J. W. Callahan, L. S. McCormick, W. C. Turner, C. H.
year: W. F. Tweedy, F. A. Tor-

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years: C. D. Carson W. H. Con-
years: J. I. Puckett
years: L. F. Andrews.
years: Sam Oakes.
years: A. D. Doss.

11 years: W. M. Monroe, W. C. Roach.

10 years: P. L. McCraw.

8 years: L. C. Lewis.

7 years: M. V. Harvey.

6 years: J. E. Burge, J. H. Carwile, E. M. Lambert, J. J. Sears, C. E. Martin, S. E. Ranson, J. L. Burks.

5 years: Carroll Jennings, L. M. Donald.

4 years: W. E. Ballowe, W. C. Burnette, J. B. Enoch, W. A. Franklin, Calvin Reynolds, R. C. Grishaw, C. W. Hall and A. B. Krantz.

3 years: D. W. Almond, C. R. Daniel, G. A. Tweedy, H. M. Cyrus, J. C. Shoemaker, H. W. Burks, P. M. Gumbie, G. B. Page, F. N. Garrett, C. L. Eagle, W. E. Wright, C. M. Jennings, Herman Carwile, S. T. Cyrus, N. E. Wooldridge, A. L. Pribble, M. C. Cyrus, Eugene Hamilton, Huston Ward, R. Merritt, E. T. McCormick, A. D. Beverley, B. A. Ferguson, G. S. McCracken, W. E. Mayberry, A. H. Ferguson, R. C. Mann, P. A. DePriest, L. F. Hawkins, T. H. Coleman, H. A. Frazier, L. D. Grishaw and H. C. Walker.

2 years: H. S. Franklin, A. B. Howard, W. M. Ward, Gerome Mitchell, L. H. Smith and D. L. Lucado.

1 year: E. E. Burks, J. M. Holt, R. E. Smith, T. R. Kestner, A. C. Caldwell, J. S. Tolbert, B. L. Hartless, Waverley Johnson, Dave Lambert, W. H. Goin, L. W. Thomas, M. J. Grishaw, R. T. Hedrick, Jessie Carwile, H. W. O'Brien, J. A. Tweedy, Jr.; P. G. Cumbie, Willard Bolan, Lanfrey Allen, C. R. Garrett, W. N. Sprouse, E. B. Martin, Clayton Moore, E. L. Fisher, H. D. Dunn, K. N. Payne and Wm. Goin.

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The Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries will have a 30-foot panel exhibit, featuring Commission activities, on display at the Isaak Walton League, Virginia Division, convention at the Hotel Jefferson, in Richmondfi October 2 - 3.

The Commission's Executive Director, I. T. Quinn will be one of the speakers during the two-day meeting. His subject will be, "Virginia's Game and Inland Fish Resources, ..Present and Future."

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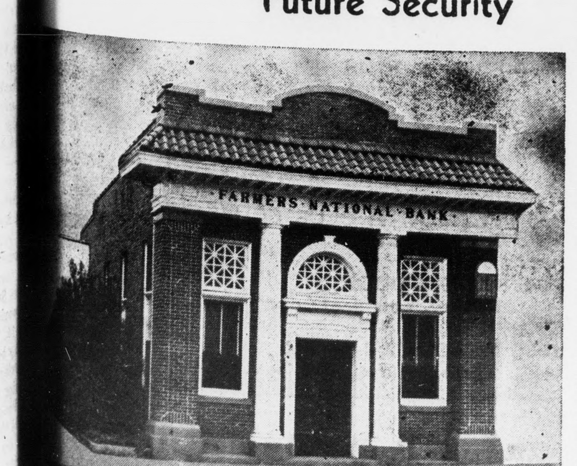

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Stonewall

Stonewall, Sept. 27.- We were so thankful for the nice shower of rain we had Sunday, to settle the dust for awhile.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis Smith and son, David, of Lynchburg; Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Davidson and children and Jessie Davidscn, of Appomattox and Mrs. Lawrence Jones, of Nathalie spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Carson and Mrs. Lula Morgan spent last Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson. Mrs. Morgan left on Friday morning with Mr. and Mrs. Carson for Roanoke, where she will spend the winter.

Mrs. Martin Kraus, Mrs. C. M. Caldwell and Mrs. E. L. Chick from the Stonewall Home Demonstration Club attended a planning meeting in the office of Mrs. B. G. Anderson at Appomattox last Friday. They were the president, secretary and treasurer and Federation Goal leaders from this club. Officers from all the other clubs met there, too. A good program is planned for next year.

Mrs. Alex Cyrus and Mrs. Lester Carson were in Farmville last Saturday.

Sorry to hear Jack Caldwell, Jr. is on the sick list again. Do hope for him a speedy get well.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Weidman, of Waynesboro and Mr. and Mrs. Tom McVetty, of Royal Oak, Mich., spent the week-end with Mrs. R. H. Thornhill. Mrs. McVetty and children, who have been visiting here for three weeks will return home with Mr. McVetty this week some time.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Baker, of Richmond visited Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson on last Saturday afternoon.

Miss Bertha Wheeler, of Richmond spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler.

We want to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wheeler as they move into their lovely new home this week. Much good luck goes with this young couple in their new home. So glad their little son has gotten real well and will also enjoy his new home.

NEWS FOR VETERANS

Veterans Administration announced it will review many cases in its files of disabled World War II veterans disapproved for vocational rehabilitation training, to see whether they now might qualify under a new law extending the program for four years for some veterans.

Cases to be reviewed are those originally turned down because veterans would not have had time enough to complete training by July 25, 1956, the wind-up of Public Law 16. Formerly, veterans were not permitted to begin unless it was certain they could finish by that date; there were no exceptions.

The new law does allow for exceptions. VA is looking in its files for the exceptional cases, so it may notify the veterans they have another chance for Public Law 16 training, if they want it.

Disabled World War II veterans who now may train beyond the 1956 deadline must have been prevented from starting or finishing on time because of any of the following reasons:

(1) Their mental or physical condition was such as to make training medically impossible.

(2) They originally had discharges barring them from training, but later had them changed to the type that would entitle them to train.

(3) They were late in establishing a service-connected disability, one of the requirements for training.

The new deadline for veterans in the three categories is July 25, 1960. However, veterans not in any of the special groupings still must complete their studies by July 25, 1956.

VA said that upon request it will also review other cases of disabled World War II veterans unable to begin training on time, because of any of the three reasons.

WARDENS COMPLETE GUN SAFETY COURSE

Webb Midyette, chief of the Law Enforcement Division of the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries, has been advised by John W. Courtney, Jr., president and instructor of the Virginia State Rifle and Revolver Association, affiliated with the National Rifle Association, that as a result of the examination given to the game wardens at their school at Blacksburg, a total of 128 certificates has been issued to the wardens attending the school, stating that they had successfully completed the course in gun safety and had demonstrated a knowledge of safe hunting practices.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK SET FOR OCTOBER 3 - 9

Fire Prevention Week has been set for October 3 - 9, and the Virginia Rural Safety Council, in endorsing it, points out that last year in the United States farm fires caused the death of more than 3,000 people and an estimated property loss of $139,000,000.

In Virginia accidental deaths caused by fires and explosions on farms mounted to 105, down 37 from the year before but still second on the list of causes of fatal accidents.

The Council says a minimum of fire-fighting equipment for your farm should include: an adequate supply of water available at any season of the year for the use of fire trucks and portable pumps; approved fire extinguishers conveniently placed near all hazardous locations, such as the barn, machine shed, and storage tanks of gasoline and kerosene; garden hose or filled water barells and buckets strategically located; safe ladders long enough for rescue purposes and to reach the highest flammable roof top; a backpack pump, fire swatter wet brooms, or wet burlap bags to fight field fires.

The Council also suggests these preventive measures: rebuild defective chimneys and see that heating apparatus is properly installed and insulated. Use fire-resistant roofing where possible. When you don't have it, install spark arresters on chimneys. Keep roofs repaired and gutters and down-spouts clean.

Be careful while smoking. Keep matches in metal containers away from children. Never store flammable liquids in the house, and do not use them to start or boost fires, in stoves, ranges, or fireplaces. Do not store wet hay in barns.

Remove rubbish regularly from the house and service buildings. Do not let oily rags accumulate. Burn debris outdoors only on still, damp days. Replace worn or frayed wiring. Replace or repair defective electrical appliances. Use proper fuse for your electrical circuits.

CORN HARVEST BEGINS; FARMERS ADVISED TO BUY NOW IF NEEDED

The next few weeks will likely be a good time for farmers to fill any corn needs they may have for the coming months.

VPI Agricultural Extension Service specialists say corn harvest has started in southeastern Virginia, and a considerable amount is already moving to market directly from the fields.

Corn can be substitued in part for roughage in maintaining cattle, and often can be used to cheapen a ration. Farmers in areas where severe drouth conditions have seriously reduced the feed supply, will be especially interested in the current available corn supplies.

SCHOLARSHIPS GIVEN FOR POULTRY EVENT

Several 4-H club members have been selected to receive scholarships to the Virginia State Poultry Federation convention to be held in Roanoke October 15 and 16.

They are: William Orr, Washington; Gerald Taylor, Accomac; Edry Jenkins, Gloucester; James Bowman Franklin; Phil Marshall, Loudoun; James Hillyard, Rockingham; Billy Harris, Augusta; Benjamin Hawks Nottoway; David Messemer, Orange Jessie N. Jones, Jr., Roanoke; Frederick Landis, Warren; Delbert O'Meara, Prince William; Dale Foster, Botetourt; Jonathan Taylor, of Fairfax; Robert Flora, Henrico; Buddy Redfearn, Princess Anne Francis Old, Norfolk; and Bradley Burgess.

The club members will take part in special educational and recreation- programs which have been planned for them during the convention. The scholarships are provided by the Federation.

HOMECOMING DAY AT RADFORD COLLEGE

A homecoming ball will climax the Alumnae Day at Radford College scheduled for October 9. The homecoming dance is sponsored by the German Club.

WATCH FOR VITAMIN A SHORTAGE IN SHEEP

If dry weather continues, sheepmen can expect some more trouble with vitamin A shortages.

Animal husbandmen at VPI say a result of vitamin A shortages in sheep is premature lambs, or if the lambs are carried the normal length of time, they may be born dead or very weak and die shortly after birth.

The best winter sources of vitamin A are winter pastures, green leafy legume hay, and yellow corn. If winter pasture is not available and the hay is low in quality, sheep producers should feed a vitamin A supplement along with the grain ration before and after lambing, or have vitamin A concentrate added to the feed. This is particularly important in drouth areas.

Another tip for sheepmen— be sure to get rid of most of the internal parasites before winter comes. If the mid-winter worm treatments were given one treatment in late November should be enough. If the sheep still show signs after the treatment, another dose of phenothiazine can be given safely. Lambs being kept for replacements should be treated once a month through November.

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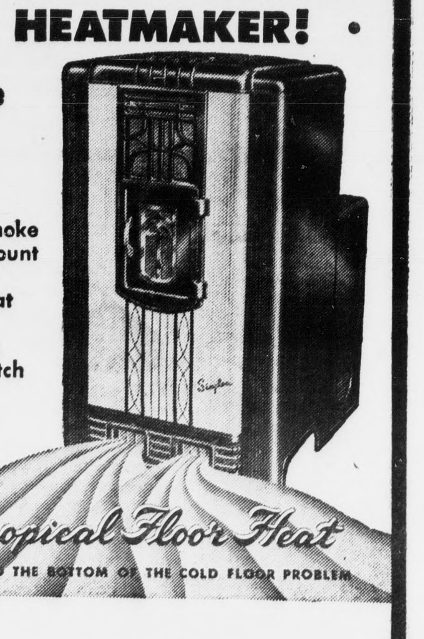

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